(d) whether Government proposes to set target for producing more sugarcanes in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the details of the measures to be adopted in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) and (b) The quantum of sugarcane produced in the country during the years 2006-07 to 2009 10 is given in the table below:

Year	Sugarcane Production (Million tonnes)
2006-07	355.52
2007-08	348.19
2008-09*	273.93
2009-10#	249.48

*4th advance estimates released on 07.07.09

#1st Advance Estimates released on 03.11.09

(c) Major reasons which may have impacted the sugarcane production in the last few years include shortfall in area coverage and decline in productivity due to delayed/deficient/un-seasonal rains in the sugarcane producing States, shift in area coverage from sugarcane to other foodgrain crops due to higher minimum support price (MSP) of foodgrain crops; higher percentage of ratoon area lowering yield of sugarcane etc. Major States which experienced fall in sugarcane production are Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamilnadu, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh.

(d) A production target of 340.0 million tonnes of sugarcane has been fixed for 2009-10.

(e) In order to increase the production of sugarcane, Government is implementing a centrally sponsored scheme of Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping Systems (SUBACS) in various sugarcane growing States of the country. The main components of the scheme include field demonstrations, training of farmers & extension workers and assistance for implements, seed multiplication, setting up of heat treatment plants and drip irrigation sets. To give more flexibility to the States and implement the scheme on the basis of States' priorities and requirements, this scheme has been clubbed under the Macro Management Mode of Agriculture (MMA) development with other 26 schemes. Under the MMA, the scheme is implemented as per the Work Plan prepared by the concerned States. For most of the components, the pattern of assistance between GOI & State Governments is 90:10. In addition, the Government of India provides 100% financial support for organization of front line demonstrations, national level trainings and breeder seed production through Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and State Agricultural Universities.

Assessment of impact of failure of monsoon

138. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that less than sufficient Monsoon this year has badly affected the farming community in the country;

(b) whether any study has been conducted by Government to assess the loss of production due to inadequate Monsoon;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, alongwith the percentage of the agricultural land sown under Rabi and Kharif;

(d) whether Government contemplates to have a comprehensive plan for introducing drip irrigation on mass level in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) constituted by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation visited the States to assess the loss of production due to inadequate monsoon, 2009. A statement of Relief assistance under National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) approved by high level committee, is given in the enclosed Statement-I (*See* below). The information relating to area sown during Kharif is given in the enclosed Statement-II (*See* below). It is too early to estimate to area sown in rabi since sowing is in progress.

(d) and (e) The Government has launched Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Micro Irrigation (MI) in January, 2006 towards installation of drip & sprinkler irrigation system for horticulture & agriculture crop in the country. Under the scheme, assistance is provided to all categories of farmers @50% of the total cost of drip system for maximum area of 5 hectare per beneficiary family.

Statement-I

Drought Relief

(Rs.in Crores)

Sl. No.	State	Assistance sought from NCCF	Assistance approved by HCL from NCCF*
1	2	3	4
1	Andhra Pradesh	9747.42	Under Consideration
2	Assam	792.60	-do-
3	Bihar	23071.13	1163.64
4	Himachal Pradesh	608.13	88.93